

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 18 are presently pending in the application. Claims 6-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 and 18 are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 18 are objected to due to informalities.

Although the Applicants disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the claims, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 along the lines suggested by the Examiner in order to further the prosecution of this case.

Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the claims objections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5 and 18 are in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such an extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.

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